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Our Facilities for Job Work are  
Unsurpassed in North Missouri  
All Work Neatly Done  
AT VERY LOW PRICES.  
WE MEAN BUSINESS.

The last year was marked by a revival of railroad building, and a greater number of miles of road was laid down than in any year since 1873. The total mileage built was 3,738. Kansas leading with 498 miles, Minnesota following with 394, Iowa with 371, Dakota with 290, Ohio with 213, Missouri with 183, Texas with 187, Tennessee with 176, Utah with 128, Nebraska with 125, New Mexico with 135, and other states and territories with smaller number. Of the whole number of miles laid 728 were of narrow-gauge. It is observable that the heaviest part of the railroad building is in the West. The Eastern states seem to have their equipments of railroads complete; but the West is still to be ironed, and the work of doing this must tax our energies and our credit, too, for many years to come.

Recent investigations of the Post-office authorities have added several to the list of preposterous swindles which are carried on through the mails. Under laws lately passed to break them up, more than a hundred fraudulent enterprises have been detected. A high sounding advertisement of a United States Syndicate professing to have been formed to aid the Treasury to dispose of surplus bonds, is a prominent example of these cheats. In another case the advertiser promises to send a solar graph watch described as inclosed in a neat metallic case, compact as a lady's watch, furnished with a neat chain, and worn like any watch. It is, in fact, a petty swindle, costing the dealer about five cents. The public cannot be too careful in making purchases through the post-office from irresponsible advertisers.

Gov. Barksdale, Messrs. Singleton and Houston, are prominent candidates for U. S. Senator in Mississippi.

The editor of the Cincinnati Gazette, Deacon Richard Smith, has been arrested for criminal libel. The Republican party seems to be slowly petering out.

Information has been received at Washington of a number of robust revenue frauds in Louisiana, and the particulars will soon be forthcoming in an official shape. The parties implicated are, of course, Republicans in good standing.

Russia is now moving troops to her western border in a way that starts rumors of war with Austria, or with Germany, or with both combined. But no foreign war or rumor of war can heal the internal disorders of Russia; the struggle with Turkey has already proved that device to be costly, desperate, and useless.

Mr. Seymour has never yet said that he will not accept the nomination for President. He has simply declared it as his sincere preference to spend the remainder of his days in retirement. Mr. Seymour will accept.

The National Democratic Committee will meet at Washington on Monday, the 23d of February, to agree upon the time and place of holding the next National Convention.

The devil has been made to feel happy and serene for several weeks past on ascertaining the fact that so many of the so-called ministers of the Gospel in Maine have no religion.

It is a remarkable fact that notwithstanding the supreme scorn with which Radical leaders regard rebel brigadiers they forget a man's treason as soon as he goes over to the Republicans. Witness the Mosby and Long street cases. Sincerity, my boy, sincerity.

The Washington Post makes the following editorial announcement: "Gov. Seymour does not want the Democratic nomination, and so far as he is personally concerned, will make no effort to obtain it. But, if the convention nominates him, as it will, he will not refuse his party's call. This is the Seymour movement in a nutshell."

Dennis Kearney's candidate is Hendrick B. Wright, of Pennsylvania. Mr. Wright is in favor of giving every citizen of the United States forty acres and a mule, on trust. He will run like a house on fire in the sandlot districts.

**State News.**  
Sedalia has thirty telephones in daily use.  
Sixty-eight farmers of Audrain county are feeding a total of 3,568 cattle.  
Gen. Shelby has entirely recovered from the injury he received in the cyclone some time ago.  
The Exchange Bank of St. Louis has reduced its capital stock of said bank from \$500,000 to \$100,000.  
A man dressed in woman's clothing was in Louisiana recently selling corsets to the ladies of that city.  
A Linn county man was sued for killing a dog. The jury assessed the damages at \$1, but the costs were \$500.  
Only the sum of \$82 of the levy to pay interest on township railroad bonds in Pike county has been paid to the collector so far.  
Collector Pitts of Monroe has raked in \$50,000 of county revenue this, leaving \$10,000 to be collected.  
Mr. J. Thornton, aged 63 years and a well-to-do farmer of Saline county, dropped dead a few days ago, while standing and looking at some fine shoats he had just given ship.

A lot of imported Cotswold sheep, recently brought from Canada, were sold at auction in Paris on Monday, and brought from \$10 to \$15, the latter price being for bucks.  
Mrs. Sylvester Crowley, of St. Louis, a bride of a year, presented her lide with three fine, large healthy daughters on New Year's day. That's pretty near equal to marrying into a ready-made family.

In Montgomery City, a few days ago, while two boys were carefully handling a pistol, it was accidentally discharged and James Crews almost instantly killed. Pistols are such nice things for boys to handle and play with, parents ought to encourage their use!

It is said that Gen. Noble, one of the attorneys for the St. Louis gas company, charged \$50,000 for his service, and the gas company have received one million dollars accrued in the hands of the receiver, the members should not kick against a five per cent grab.

Abjuring Washington in Franklin county is a clay deposit owned by Dr. B. F. Burch. For several years he has been taking out and shipping clay to St. Louis. Recently Dr. Burch has sunk a shaft on the north side of the hill, where he found a clay vastly superior to that which he has been taking out of the south side. The clay found in the new shaft, after being dried, is almost white, and is pronounced, by those competent to judge, to be suitable for the manufacture of white ware.

About three weeks since Mr. Wm. Kiphart, residing near Jackson Davis county, heard a noise in the vicinity of his apple-hole, and went out to investigate, when he was saluted by a pistol-shot, when he blazed away with an ax he held in his hand, when a mutual retreat took place. On returning to the house he found blood on his ax. The next day he had two of his neighbors arrested, but on the examining trial they were discharged. In a day or two a citizen turned up with his collar-bone cut in two and a gash cut in his coat.

Friday night the 29th ult., at the residence of Capt. Wm. Fitzgerald near Ridgely, in Platte county, while a dance was in progress a difficulty occurred between Al Delberry and Clay Snell, which resulted in Snell's being shot in the thigh and below the knee and slightly in the wrist. Henry Lloyd immediately became involved and he also received two shots from Delberry's pistol—one in the head and the other through the body, just below the ribs. Lloyd fired several shots at Delberry, but did not hit him. Delberry mounted his horse and escaped.

The Kansas City Times now has it that Jesse James' body recently reached Kearney, Clay county, in a coffin and is buried near there at the home of his mother Mrs. Samuels. The Times thinks it has killed Jesse this time sure.

The Centralia Guard says that the C. & A. railroad company have in view the building of a double track between Kansas City and Roodhouse. They claim that a single track is insufficient to carry all their cars between these points.

An exchange asks: "What is Hell?" Just wait awhile, you'll learn soon enough.

**Mistakes.**  
It is a mistake to suppose that the dimly pious man has had a change of heart. The change is in his liver, if anywhere.  
It is a mistake to suppose that people go to a concert to hear the music. They go simply to exchange recipes for doughnuts and drop-cakes.  
It is a mistake for a preacher to say, "Just one word more, and I am done." He but lengthens his discourse by so much, without deceiving any of his hearers for an instant.  
It is a mistake to suppose that everybody is thinking about you. You do so much of that kind of work yourself that you exhaust the subject.  
It is a mistake to expect direct answers from a politician. His life is given to dodging questions before election and giving evasive answers after election.  
It is a mistake to suppose that your children will be satisfied with your experiences. You didn't accept your father's but preferred taking a term in the same dear school.

It is a mistake to suppose that men do not mean what they say. There is but one man of whom you can positively make that affirmation.  
It is a mistake to wish the butcher would remove the bones before weighing your meat. How would you like to be weighed that way yourself?  
It is a mistake to suppose that your friend is consumedly interested in your eloquent description of your liver troubles. On the contrary, he is excessively anxious to tell you of his catarrh.  
It is a mistake to think your interlocutor is listening to what you say. He is thinking of what he has said or is going to say, just as you were and will be.

It is a mistake, young man, when you think the girls are just dying after you. It is only you who are thoroughly in love with yourself.  
It is a mistake to think that your actions or desires have any influence on the dispenser of the weather. You should be thankful they do not. If they did, "Old Probs" would go mad and your fellow countrymen go madder.

**Sudden Deaths.**  
George Ancell, son of the widow Ancell, living near Jackson, died suddenly in convulsions on Wednesday morning of last week. He got up in the morning, made a fire, and went back to bed, telling his mother that he felt sick. In a few minutes Mrs. Ancell heard a strange noise proceeding from her son's room, and, upon going to his bedside, found him in convulsions, and he died in a few moments.  
Mr. Bud Fray, who lived five miles northwest of this city, fell dead in his wagon Monday evening, while unloading corn. He was in his usual health a few moments before.—Huntsville Herald.

**Role From an Indian's Rifle.**  
From the Kansas Journal.  
Mr. William H. Bishop, of Elkmore, Utah Territory, sends us a piece of paper, which, in taking the mountings from an old broken Indian gun, he found imbedded under the breech piece. The gun had belonged to the Ute Indians. The paper has on it, plainly and well written, the following: "This rifle was made by Ebenezer Kellogg, in the city of Worcester, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. July 1852. God save Yankee Doodle and all the rest of the American family." This was accompanied by a pen-drawing of an eagle at the top of the American flag. For 27 years this piece of paper has been carried, doubtless, by Indian hands, over the prairies of the West.

A poet asks: "Where are the dreams of the days gone by?" The dreams of the days gone by are like the days themselves gone by. A dream can't be preserved like quinine and pears and other fruit. The poet can witness just as lively and startling dreams as those that have died, if he will eat a mince pie, a dozen raw oysters and some pickled pig-feet, and drink a pint of cider before going to bed.

The Marion (Iowa) Republican says: "The losses that were sustained by the various parties who shipped on the fatal train that went down at St. Charles, Mo., were paid promptly on the bills by Mr. Straub. Nothing has been done concerning the loss of life, but Mr. Lewis, president of the Council Bluffs and St. Louis railroad, says that when the friends of the deceased wish a settlement, it will be attended to at once, and without legal proceedings. The officials of the road have shown themselves honorable in every particular, and the community is well satisfied so far."

High waters have done much damage during the past few months in many localities in Europe. They appear to have more than their share of rain.

The annual report of the State Treasurer of Texas shows that the best punch and drummers' taxes have produced a revenue of about \$350,000.

**Selections.**  
The Preswilt Baptists celebrate their centennial in 1880.  
Holmes says that the years at first pelt the girls with roses, and after a while with snowballs.  
There is said to be 15,000 ex-donsters in "bleeding Kansas."  
Donkeys never contract softening of the brain; that disease like hay fever, only attacks persons of ability.  
Dr. Tanner of Minneapolis declares that he can live thirty days without food, and offers to submit to the test.  
The M. E. church in the U. S. has 31,453 itinerant and 12,662 local preachers, and 16,721 church edifices.  
Thomas Neil, the great Illinois cattle king, recently failed for \$300,000.  
Ivory toilet sets with jeweled monograms it initial letters on the backs of the brushes and hand glasses, are to be seen.  
The census supervisors are allotted only \$500 each for nine months full service. The enumerators will serve twenty-four days at four dollars per day.

From envy, hatred and malice; from vanity and unrighteousness and from preachers in politics, good Lord deliver us.  
Comparatively inexpensive plus show a translucent diamond as a dew-drop on a leaf of tinted gold, fern, cat-tail reed or geranium leaf.  
Mark Antony squandered \$725,000,000 of the public treasure in two years, and the Detroit Free Press wants to be appointed a committee to investigate his accounts.  
There are alarming fears lest the old fashion of wearing of bonnets and hats in close proximity to the head may come in vogue again.

A shoemaker can never be poetical or imaginative. When he hears that lovely woman "has put her foot in it," the practical old cobbler wants to know "what size?"  
A Connecticut man was brought before the court for assault and battery, and he requested permission to pray. This being granted, he knelt in the window, waited until all heads were bowed, and then took the sash and glass out with him.

When a poor man's cow dies there are plenty of men who will roll up their eyes and declare that Providence doth all things for the best. These are the men who don't put anything in the shake purse to buy another—Free Press.

That "new leaf" you turned over New Year's day should be carefully examined, since the "carnal" has worn off, to see if it does not bear the thumb marks of the old.  
February of this month has five Sundays, short as the month is. This thing happens once in twenty-eight years, and those who have contributed boxes must make the most of it.  
Heads don't wiggle about when the brimstone's laid out. In de molin', in de molin'; dat time 'will be late to pray—No time left on judgment day. In de molin', in de molin'.

This is leap year, and the Cedar Rapids Times exhorts young ladies to claim their privileges early and often. "When the boys call, tell them if they mean business you are ready to take their future happiness into consideration, but if they don't, you've other fish to fry, and you cannot afford to waste gas and fuel for the sake of being spooned."

In a boarding house recently a young man on turning off his gas saw the words, "Confess your sins," in phosphorescent characters on the wall. He was surprised, but listening, thought he heard some young ladies outside the door waiting to observe the effect on him. So pretending to be frightened at the watch scratch, he fell on his knees and confessed on loud that he had frequently kissed one of the young ladies in the dark—the one whom he had the best reason to suspect of playing the trick. That young lady won't play any more kind tricks incontinently. She thinks he is a mean, horrid thing.

A cultivated mind is said to have infinite stores of innocent gratification. Everything may be made interesting to it, by becoming a subject of thought or inquiry. Books, regarded merely as a gratification, are worth more than all the luxuries on earth. A taste for literature secures cheerful occupation for the unemployed and languid hours of life; and how many persons in these hours, for want of innocent resources, are now impelled to a coarse pleasure? How many young men, who, unaccustomed to find a companion in a book, and strangers to intellectual activity, are almost driven in the long, dull evenings of winter, to haunts of intemperance and bad society.

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**The Demand for Heavy Horses.**  
From the Chicago Times.  
During the past fifteen years there has been a great change in the demand for horses in this country. Formerly nearly every one bred in relation to speed and endurance. Now a large proportion of farmers breed with a view of increasing size and strength. This change is not the result of caprice. There has been a steadily increasing demand for heavy horses, and a corresponding falling off in the demand for light ones. Fashion has had little to do in this matter. Heavy horses are wanted because they supply an existing want. From present appearances it will be many years before the supply of heavy horses will equal the demand. The country is now well supplied with horses. At no time in its history, perhaps, were there as many horses to a given number of inhabitants as at present. Small work horses are low, but heavy draft horses continue to be light.  
The importation of Clydesdale and Percheron-Norman horses increases every year. The first that were brought over were regarded as very uncertain ventures. At present they are of no doubtful value. The importers of horses from France and Scotland have suffered none of the reverses of the importers of short horn cattle. With rare exceptions they have become rich. From present appearances we shall soon be sending Clydesdales to Scotland and England, and Normans to France and Belgium. The value of heavy draft horses was recognized in the old world before it was in the new. Now that their worth is appreciated here, all persons having farming to do seem anxious to procure them. In this city the average size of horses appears to increase every season, and the like is true in nearly every city in the entire country.

Large horses are less liable to injuries from the swinging of the poles of wagons than small ones. Their bones are firmer, and they are commonly more hardy. Large horses are more economical as respects harness, stall-feeding and work required to take care of them. A large proportion of the teaming now done is over short distances, and it is more important to draw a large load than to make the trip quickly. Before the introduction of the large draft horses the teaming in the hilly and timbered portions of the country was chiefly performed by oxen. Now oxen are being superseded by heavy horses in all these sections. Persons traveling for business or pleasure now ride in cars instead of stages. There is still a large demand for horses of moderate size for drawing street cars, but breeding stage horses is a business of the past. In all the countries of eastern Europe heavy horses are taking the place of light ones in general farming operations. That American farmers will soon generally employ heavy horses in field work seems certain.

**Relief for Wakefulness.**  
Mr. Thompson, in the Evangelist, says the best remedy for sleeplessness is to wet half of a towel, apply it to the back of the neck, pressing it up toward the base of the brain, and fasten the dry half of the towel over, so as to prevent too rapid exhalation. The effect is prompt and pleasant, cooling the brain, and bringing on a sweet slumber. Warm water is better than cold. To all suffering from overwork, excitement, or anxiety, this remedy must prove a blessing.

It is reported that Horace Means, a young lawyer of Windsor, Henry county, was engaged to be married to Miss Ida Shepherd of the same town. New Year's night. Extensive preparations were made, the guests assembled, the minister was in waiting and the bride on the floor, when a messenger whispered something in the bride's ear. She turned pale and had to be led from the room. It afterwards transpired that Means had forged two notes, one for \$200 and another for \$150, which he had sold and the fraud had just been discovered. He hired a horse and rode to Green Ridge, eight miles west on the M. & T. Railway, and there bought a ticket to Clinton, but did not use it, as it was a mere blind. He left the horse hitched in front of a store, and has not been heard from since.

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Governor—John S. Phelps, of Greene County.  
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Treasurer—Ellis Gates, of Buchanan.  
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Auditor—Thos. Holliday, of Madison.  
Attorney-General—J. L. Smith, of Cole.  
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Railroad Vice-Master, of Cole.  
Commodore (A. B. Marmaduke, St. Louis.  
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State Engineer—Deputy—W. A. Relfe.  
United States Circuit Court—Western District of Missouri.  
Judge—Samuel P. Hill, of Iowa.  
Judge—Amos K. Ketchum, of Mo.  
Judge—John F. Dillon, of Missouri.  
Regular Terms, Third Monday in April and November, at Jefferson City.  
United States District Court—Western District of Missouri.  
Judge—Amos K. Ketchum, of Mo.  
District Attorney—W. Mullins.  
Regular Terms, First Monday in March and September.  
Supreme Court—  
Thos. A. Stewart—8 years.  
Warwick Huntington—years.  
John W. Berry—10 years.  
Wm. H. Knapp—4 years.  
E. H. Norton—4 years.

**DISTRICT OFFICERS.**  
Justices of the Peace—George M. Beckley, of M. & G. Dale.  
Constable—H. Morris.  
**TOWN OF RICHMOND OFFICERS.**  
Circuit Court—First Monday in May and Second Monday in November.  
County Court—First Monday every month.  
Probate Court—Regular Terms—Second Monday of the months of January, April, July and October.  
**LOCAL DIRECTORY.**  
Richmond, Mo., A. P. & A. M., No. 25, at 10 o'clock on Saturday night before the full moon in each month.  
Harmory Lodge, V. M., A. P. & A. M., No. 25, at 10 o'clock on Saturday night before the full moon in each month.  
Belle Isle Lodge, A. P. & A. M., No. 25, at 10 o'clock on Saturday night before the full moon in each month.  
**CHURCH DIRECTORY.**  
Methodist Church—Rev. E. C. Griggs, Pastor, services on Sundays, at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Prayer meeting on Wednesday nights.  
Christian Church—Rev. J. K. Davis, Pastor, services on Sunday and Wednesday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Prayer meeting Tuesday night.  
**SOCIETY DIRECTORY.**  
Methodist Sunday School—S. J. Hall, Superintendent, at 9 o'clock Sunday.  
Christian, W. W. Mooley, Superintendent, at 9 o'clock Sunday.

**MISCELLANEOUS CARDS.**  
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Builders' Hardware a Specialty.  
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